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48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2008 AS "DWI AWARENESS DAY" AT THE NEW MEXICO SENATE.

WHEREAS, in 2006 one hundred ninety-one persons lost their lives as a result of alcohol-involved fatalities in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, there are a minimum of three thousand alcohol-involved crashes in New Mexico each year, and many of the people involved in these crashes are severely injured; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 alcohol was involved in more than forty-one percent of all traffic fatalities in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately twenty thousand people are arrested due to drunk driving in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the average blood alcohol level for persons arrested in New Mexico for DWI was .19, over twice the legal

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1 limit for blood alcohol level; and

2 WHEREAS, public education about the dangers of DWI has
3 been shown to be one effective tool in reducing the number of
4 traffic accidents involving drunk drivers;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that January 31, 2008 be proclaimed "DWI
7 Awareness Day" at the senate in recognition of the impact of
8 DWI incidents on the lives of New Mexicans and the importance
9 of informing New Mexicans of the cost in human suffering, human
10 lives and dollars of driving motor vehicles while under the
11 influence of alcohol or drugs.

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